

District Court Filings in Iowa (2002-2016)

Calendar Year	Civil	Serious Criminal	Simple Misdemeanors	Juvenile	MH/SA Commitment	Probate	Small Claims & Infractions	Total
2002	75,615	87,921	783,273	14,253	7,803	17,019	92,550	1,078,434
2003	74,784	87,007	763,335	14,068	8,184	16,446	92,355	1,056,179
2004	72,658	87,844	746,020	14,009	8,772	16,108	96,786	1,042,197
2005	71,723	89,858	725,036	14,756	9,215	15,742	98,108	1,024,438
2006	73,210	80,901	784,945	14,443	9,883	15,359	105,073	1,083,814
2007	74,532	84,577	739,239	13,165	10,058	14,763	107,540	1,043,874
2008	76,867	82,570	709,170	12,179	10,600	14,684	116,334	1,022,404
2009	82,769	83,817	718,370	11,954	11,190	14,360	110,947	1,033,407
2010	83,243	87,739	647,921	12,569	11,419	14,199	94,830	951,920
2011	81,535	86,891	635,034	12,668	11,904	14,297	83,112	925,441
2012	73,621	88,462	626,791	12,668	12,470	14,051	80,307	908,370
2013	68,221	87,691	580,533	12,407	12,706	14,051	73,022	848,631
2014	64,127	83,868	542,344	11,303	13,087	14,292	70,463	799,484
2015	60,436	83,156	490,655	10,883	13,501	14,446	66,896	739,973
2016	59,511	85,829	491,309	11,172	14,133	13,943	69,968	745,865

Percent Change in Court Filings, 2002-2016

Civil	Serious Criminal	Simple Misdemeanors	Juvenile	MH/SA Commitment	Probate	Small Claims & Infractions	Total
-21.3%	-2.4%	-37.3%	-21.6%	81.1%	-18.1%	-24.4%	-30.8%
<i>Excluding Simple Misdemeanors</i>							-13.8%

Percent Change in Court Filings, 2015-2016

Civil	Serious Criminal	Simple Misdemeanors	Juvenile	MH/SA Commitment	Probate	Small Claims & Infractions	Total
-1.5%	3.2%	0.1%	2.7%	4.7%	-3.5%	4.6%	0.8%
<i>Excluding Simple Misdemeanors</i>							2.1%

Notes:

- 1) Table data updated for the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) by State Court Administration on November 28, 2017.
- 2) Civil filings include civil contract and personal injury cases over \$5,000, domestic relations, real property, mortgage foreclosures, small claims appeals, and contempt actions. They do not include filings for distress warrants, foreign judgments, liens, seized property hearings, and transcripts of judgment.
- 3) Serious criminal filings include felonies, serious and aggravated misdemeanors, and probation revocations.
- 4) Simple misdemeanor filings include mostly State traffic violations plus other simple misdemeanors.
- 5) Juvenile filings include juvenile delinquency, child in need of assistance (CINA), family in need of assistance (FINA), and parental notification cases. This does not include juvenile commitment cases.
- 6) MH/SA commitment filings refer to juvenile and adult mental health (MH) or substance abuse (SA) hospitalization/commitment cases filed.
- 7) The Judicial Branch stopped including contempt actions and probation revocations with "filings" on July 1, 2006, and this accounts for most of the reduction in filings in 2006. The 2007 through 2016 data includes probation revocations in criminal filings. Data for contempt filings is included in civil and small claims filings from 2007 through 2016.